



# CENTER *for* FAMILY LIFE FORMATION

## CHAPERONE INFORMATION

### Pilgrimage Overview

**Dates:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 - Monday, January 30, 2017

**Departure Hubs:** Norfolk and Omaha

#### **Itinerary:**

- Life Is Very Good Evening of Prayer
- Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- The 2017 March for Life
- Independence National Historical Park
- Shrine of Blessed John Henry Neumann
- Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel

**Cost:** \$500 + \$3.40 registration service fee

- \$28.40 nonrefundable deposit to hold spot
- \$503.40 due by last day of registration

### Chaperone Specifics

Chaperones register at the request of a school/parish. If your school/parish is not going or has enough chaperones, you may apply individually. Acceptance depends on the chaperone needs of other groups.

#### **Requirements:**

1. Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
2. High school graduate at least 21 years old
3. Currently certified in the Archdiocese of Omaha Safe Environment Training  
(See <http://archomaha.org/ministries/safe-environment/training/> for training dates.)
4. Available to attend the Leaders' Retreat in Columbus, NE on December 3, 2016
5. Willing to contact each pilgrim and parent/guardian in their chaperone group before departure.
6. Available via text and/or cell phone call to their Bus Captain and Chaplain throughout the entire pilgrimage; answering in a reasonable time frame and following directions as instructed
7. Prepared to participate in the entire pilgrimage including:
  - a. Monitoring 6-8 youth pilgrims
  - b. Bus journeys to and from Omaha and/or Norfolk.
  - c. One night of hotel hall duty and nightly youth room checks
  - d. One night of sack lunch assembly
  - e. Regularly Scheduled Meetings with Bus Team
  - f. Other duties as requested

**Interview:** After registering, each chaperone will be contacted by the Respect Life Apostolate for a brief interview.

**Leader's Book:** A book containing detailed pilgrimage information will be emailed by January 18, 2017. Chaperones are expected to be familiar with the information. A hard copy will be provided at registration.

**Leaders' Retreat:** 9am-2pm, Saturday, December 3, 2016 at St. Bonaventure Parish (1565 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Columbus, NE 68601). This retreat is mandatory. Please, check that you can attend before registering.

***There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these rules. If a chaperone is unable to complete one of these requirements, he or she will not be allowed to attend the pilgrimage.***

## **Registration**

**At:** [RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://RespectLifeOmaha.com)

**Start Date:** September 1, 2016

**Deadline:** November 14, 2016

- Spots for all chaperones who have not paid in full by the end of this date will be given to those on the waitlist.

**Confirmation:** Pilgrims are registered once they have received an email confirmation with “Registration ID” and have paid the \$28.40 deposit.

**Waitlist:** Seats typically fill before the registration deadline. Pilgrims can email [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) to be added to the waitlist.

**Cancellations:** Before the deadline all money except the \$28.40 deposit will be refunded. After the deadline no refund is available.

**Substitutions:** A chaperone who wants to cancel after the registration deadline may call 402.551.9003 x1306 for a replacement from the waitlist. If one is available, the canceling chaperone will receive a refund after the waitlist chaperone has paid. If no replacement is available, the chaperone may through their own efforts find a substitute **of the same gender**.

**Substitution Deadline:** December 2, 2016

## **General Information**

**Adult rooms:** Two per room according to gender. Adults can designate their choice of roommate.

*Please understand that not all requests can be accommodated. Married couples attending as chaperones are not guaranteed a room together, but reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate them sharing a room.*

**Final Itinerary:** will be e-mailed to all participants in mid-December.

### **Packing List:**

1. Suitcase for below the bus.
2. Small bag/purse with necessities for on the bus.
3. Small blanket and pillow for the bus
4. 5 changes of warm, versatile clothes (we will be outside every day)
5. Pajamas
6. Rain Poncho
7. Winter coat, hat, gloves, scarf, and winter boots
8. Hand and foot warmers (for the day of the March and walking tour of Independence Park)
9. Hygienic Items – These should fit in your purse/small book bag and carried on the bus
10. Medications - Youth are responsible to bring and take any essential medications.
11. Activities - Bible, homework, books, playing cards or small games, etc.
12. Cell Phones, Electronic Games, iPods, etc.
  - Participants may bring iPods with headphones or portable electronic games for the bus journey. They will not be allowed to use these when visiting sites. If these technologies become a barrier to participation, they will be confiscated for the pilgrimage. Cell phones should be used discretely and infrequently. Constant texting is discouraged.
13. Meals & Spending Money
  - We recommend that you bring around \$125 to cover 9 meals and souvenirs, etc.
14. A sack dinner for the first night on the bus.
15. Snacks share with 15 people
  - Individually packaged items are strongly encouraged. Homemade products must be packaged in sturdy containers that need not be returned. No snacks containing nuts are allowed.
16. Adult pilgrims: Photo ID and health insurance card
17. **Do Not Bring**
  - Netbooks and Laptops
  - Swimsuits